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SECRETARY COOK'S CAMPAIGN BOOK.

Defamers of Missouri Are All Republican Leaders and Organs of the Party.

ALLEN'S CHARGES REFUTED.

Slanders on the State Must Be Contradicted by Democrats—Notable Case of Recent Date Cited.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 29.—Secretary of State Sam B. Cook is preparing a political handbook for Missouri, which will be ready for distribution in the course of a few weeks.

Mr. Cook's purpose is to compare the records of the two leading political parties of Missouri, and also compare the Democratic record in this State with the Republican records in the adjoining States of Illinois, Iowa and Kansas.

The figures given are taken from the official records and no statement will be made which is not verified by the records of the respective States.

The assessment of railroad property in Missouri under Republican and Democratic party, and a comparison of Democratic rule in this State with that of the Republican States named, make an interesting and important chapter. The financial condition of Missouri and the earnings of the State departments now as compared with the Republican rule; the creation and reduction of the State debt; the management of the school fund; the policy of the Republican party leaders and party journals in defaming their own State; the "gold-bribe" statements which the Republicans have secured from the Democracy, with other subjects, are all handled in such a way as to be especially enlightening and valuable to the public. Mr. Cook makes the Republican cry of "Poor Old Missouri" the subject of his opening chapter.

Defaming Missouri. "It is difficult to comprehend the spirit," says Mr. Cook, "which prompts Republican leaders in Missouri to continually defame their own State.

"Legitimate party criticism is not only allowable, but is proper and beneficial to public interests; but Republican party leaders are not content with this. Instead, they seize upon every possible opportunity in the stump and in the press to state of 'poor old Missouri,' and hold their State up to ridicule.

"This policy would be bad enough if there were some foundation for such talk; for, as the old maxim goes, 'It is a dirty bird that defames its own nest.' But to defame the State without a shadow of justification is infamous in the eyes of every loyal Missourian, no matter what his party preferences may be.

"Party politics is one thing. State pride is another. Republican party leaders have consumed with the former that they have apparently lost all the latter. So far has this spirit gone among the faithful who are shaping the Republican party policy that the term 'poor old Missouri' has become the Republican battle cry. Every expression of derision and contempt against the State, however baseless and unjust, or whoever made by it, is hailed with approval by Republican party leaders and by the most prominent Republican party journals.

A Sample Case. "A case directly at the banquet given in Kansas City in February by the Young Men's Republican Association, a State organization of which both Colonel Kerens and Chairman Allen are members, Henry J. Allen of Kansas made use of this language:

"In Missouri are many remote communities, untraversed by railroads, unlighted by electricity, unvisited by newspapers. The people who were born there and who yet live there are hereditary Democrats. The problem there can be solved only by the slow process of education."

"Strike from Mr. Allen's language the word 'Democrats' and substitute the word 'Republicans,' and even then such a slander on the State would have raised a storm of indignation in any Democratic gathering."

And yet this slanderous attack on the Commonwealth was applauded by the 500 Republicans who sat around the banquet board, and was published with approval by the leading Republican papers of the State. In all that succe of Republican party managers there was not one who did not link his State below the level of mere partisan politics.

"We have no quarrel with Mr. Allen. He has evidently been reading Missouri Republican newspapers, and listening to Missouri Republican orators, and his conclusions were the direct and natural result of the information he had thus received. It is not surprising that people away from Missouri,

who read Republican newspapers, form the opinion that the State has many remote communities, untraversed by railroads, unlighted by electricity, and unvisited by newspapers.

No Republican Defenders. "But if there had been a loyal Missourian present he would have said to Mr. Allen that he had been grossly misinformed as to Missouri. That of the 15 counties in this State, all but five are traversed by railroads, and that these five, instead of being peopled by Democrats, were overwhelmingly Republican, and had been so for the past forty years. He would have informed Mr. Allen further that the number of communities 'unlighted by electricity' were much fewer in Missouri than in his own State of Kansas. He could have informed him further that there is no county in Missouri that has not one or more newspapers, while in his own State of Kansas there are five counties which have no publication at all.

"This loyal Missourian could have been present, have said further to Mr. Allen that in his own State of Kansas there are just the same number of counties untraversed by railroads as in Missouri, and that four of the five bear the good Republican names of Stanton, Stevens, Morton and Grant.

"Then this loyal Missourian could have gone further and informed Mr. Allen that the State he had so grossly slandered had the largest permanent school fund of any State in the Union, aggregating over \$12,000,000; that, in addition to the interest on this magnificent sum, Missouri contributed to her district school one-third of her entire State revenue, amounting to over a million dollars annually.

"He could have said to Mr. Allen that the tax rate in Missouri for State purposes was less than half what it is in his own State of Kansas; further, that the Missouri tax rate was the lowest of any State in all the Union.

Some Solid Facts. "Then this loyal Missourian could have gone still further and informed Mr. Allen that Missouri's corporate property is 60 per cent higher than his own State of Kansas, and that, in addition, the fees and special taxes collected from railroads and other corporations in Missouri more than paid the entire expenses of all the State departments—a condition very unlike that in his own State of Kansas.

"But, this seems to have been no Missourian present who cared to defend the fair name of the great Commonwealth. Instead, there were birds of ill omen who chattered much of 'poor old Missouri' and 'juggled accounts,' and clapped their wings in approval when their own State was traduced.

"Missouri has made wonderful advancement in the last few decades in material development and progress, not, however, because of the policy of the Republican party, but because of the persistent and dishonest cry of 'Poor Old Missouri.' Who has heard a Republican party leader, or a leading Republican newspaper, since the death of Joseph B. McCullough, speak in praise of Missouri's magnificent school fund or of her exceptionally low tax rate, or say anything in commendation of the State's investment of a single dollar of capital?

"There are many far-sighted, public-spirited Republicans in Missouri, but it is significant fact that the men who shape the policy of the party do not come from this class."

WEAR BRITISH UNIFORMS FROM SHEER NECESSITY.

Boer Delegate Says Burglar Soldiers Always Remove Disturbing Marks.

New York, March 29.—C. A. Wessels, A. D. Wolmarans and J. M. DeBruyn, Boer delegates, who have been in the country for several weeks, called on La Gascogne today. Mr. Wessels said he did not believe the ammunition found in the ruins of the Hoboken fire was intended for the Boers.

"The Boers have no money to buy ammunition," said he, "but when they need any all they have to do is to capture a British convoy, and they have enough to supply them for a long time."

"The Boer-British war will establish a precedent for other wars to come in the human fashion in which it is being carried on. I asked the President of the commission of army officers to review the conduct of the Boer-British war, but whether he will do so I cannot say."

Alluding to the statement that the Boers wear British uniforms in battle, Wessels said the Boers have no uniforms of their own, and, therefore, when they run out of wearing apparel, the only way they are able to procure it is to take some British soldiers' clothes, from which he added the distinguishing marks are always removed, even to cutting off the coat buttons.

IRISH SEND MESSAGE OF CHEER TO KRUGER.

Elective Officers of King's County Congratulate Delarey on His Victory.

London, March 29.—The feeling in Ireland is well illustrated by a resolution on its way to Mr. Kruger, "Care of Queen Victoria," adopted yesterday by the Elected (King's County) Guardians, an elective body, as follows:

"We desire to record our admiration of the magnificent stand the brave South African republics have made against the colossal might of the British Empire, and to congratulate the humane Boer leader, Delarey, on his recent great victory, which not only covers England with disgrace and ridicule, a result eminently gratifying to the rest of the civilized world, but which must have a chastening effect on the Jingoism of the greatest Helot empire the world has ever seen."

QUONDAM PRESIDENT PLACED IN JAIL IN NICARAGUA.

Vasquez's Ambition Is to Unite All Central American Countries in One Republic.

San Francisco, March 29.—Domingo Vasquez, one time President of Honduras, has arrived in this city. He left here a few weeks ago on the Chilean liner Tuguet to make a visit to some Central American ports, and has had a very lively experience.

He is being detained at the Corinto, Nicaragua, by a man taken from the vessel by order of President Zelaya and locked up in jail. He is charged with sedition and insurrection, and on Feb. 10, the Governor of Nicaragua, General Zelaya, had him promise to leave the country at the first opportunity.

It is the ambition of Vasquez to form one Republic of the Central American countries, and he makes no secret of it, though he disclaims being a revolutionist.

At New York Hotel.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. New York, March 29.—Among the arrivals at the hotel here today were the following Westerners: Louis, E. S. Marquis, A. J. Walter, Walter, C. K. Patrick, L. V. Hest, Imperial, H. J. Stager, Murray Hill, J. M. Treadwell, J. W. Wolf, Herald Square, J. W. Backus, Everett, J. P. Caninehan and Mrs. Caninehan, Morton.

CUPID BEHIND THE SCENES; BROUGHT ACTOR A BRIDE.

Little Fellow Climbed Between Alfred P. Beaumont and Miss Verda M. Depey as They Sat on a Piano Stool in a Kansas City Opera-House and a Minister Did the Rest.



MRS. ALFRED P. BEAUMONT. Who was Miss Verda M. Depey of Kansas City.

Romance that is not of the middle world in which deep Pops are cast, found expression in several incidents connected with the marriage of Alfred P. Beaumont, actor and resident stage manager of "The Girl From Maxine's," now playing at the Grand Opera-house, and Miss Verda M. Depey, 19 years old, of No. 218 East Seventh street, Kansas City, Mo., which took place yesterday afternoon at No. 2141 Locust street, the home of the Reverend John W. Cunningham, who officiated.

A double piano stool played a leading role at the beginning of the courtship a year ago at Kansas City. The stool was in the wings near the curtain ropes and it was Mr. Beaumont's custom to occupy it while waiting to give calls and cues and direct the movement of scenery.

The young lady who was Miss Depey until yesterday was employed in the theater, accepting the position of dresser for the star in order to learn pointers about the profession, which she expected to follow. It was her duty at various times to be ready in the wings to hand the star her wraps, slippers or tender other assistance during the performance. The piano stool was long, and the man only occupied one end of it, so it was natural that she should take the other to rest.

John H. Armstrong, who plays the part of Le Duc in "The Girl From Maxine's," and the stage manager as well, acted as best man for his friend yesterday, and is the story of the courtship.

"Every night until Friday I was sitting together on the stool, but never speaking to each other. But once or twice I caught Al rolling his eyes and taking a peep at the pretty, pink-cheeked girl beside him. Now this may sound strange to say of an actor, but Beaumont is really modest to the point of bashfulness. He wanted to meet the girl, but was afraid to ask me what to do. I settled it for them a few minutes later by bumping their heads together, and subsequent proceedings showed that the introduction was effective."

"When we left Kansas City and the girl behind us," Mr. Johnson continued with a laugh, "Beaumont actually bought that piano stool and had it stored away to preserve as a precious souvenir. They have been corresponding ever since, and when we returned there this season it was all fixed up."

The bride was expected to arrive last Monday, the birthday of her husband, but

COURT ORDERS THEIR BONDS INCREASED.

Fixes Bail of Kratz and Nicolaus at \$20,000, Lehmann and Faulkner at \$5,000.

MURRELL REWARD NOW \$800.

Governor Dockery Issues Proclamation Offering \$300 Additional—No Claw to Fugitive's Whereabouts.

There is now a price of \$800 for the arrest of John K. Murrell, fugitive from justice indicted for robbery. The reward of \$500 offered by Circuit Attorney Folk personally has been increased by a reward of \$300 offered by Governor Dockery for the arrest and return to St. Louis of the indicted man.

Circuit Attorney Folk was called up yesterday morning on the long-distance telephone by Governor Dockery, who asked him if it was his wish that the State offer a reward for the arrest of Murrell. Mr. Folk replied that it was, and asked the Governor to make the reward as large as possible. Governor Dockery replied that the maximum he could offer under the statutes was \$300, and that he would at once issue a proclamation calling on officers of all the States to apprehend Murrell wherever found and offering a reward of \$300 for his capture.

No definite information regarding the whereabouts of Murrell has been learned by the Circuit Attorney or the police, according to the statements of Mr. Folk and Chief Desmond, although a vigilant search is being maintained and every clue pursued. The private detective agency about operators were arrested Wednesday while shadowing the residence of Doctor Faulkner, superintendent of the mounted police stables, has men at work on the case, notwithstanding the apparent fiasco of Wednesday.

Writ Served on Murrell's Brother. A writ of habeas corpus was served on E. E. Murrell, bondsman for his fugitive brother, John K., by the Sheriff yesterday. The writ requires Murrell to appear in court within fifteen days to show cause why judgment should not issue against him as surety on John K. Murrell's bond.

The Grand Jury will meet again this afternoon at 2:30. No witnesses will be examined, as the time of the body will be devoted to preparing the final report.

Judge O'Neill Ryan, at the instance of Circuit Attorney Folk, yesterday increased the bonds of four of the men indicted on charges of bribery and perjury. The bonds of Charles Kratz and Henry Nicolaus, indicted for perjury, were increased from \$5,000 to \$20,000, and the bonds of Julius Lehmann and Henry Faulkner, indicted for perjury, from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

After Judge Douglas convened court yesterday morning the case of John K. Murrell was called. The defendant did not appear. In answer to a question by the Court, Circuit Attorney Folk said he had no knowledge of Murrell's whereabouts, but that he was probable from what he had heard, that he was temporarily out of the court's jurisdiction, and that under the circumstances he would ask that the case be continued until next Monday. This was granted, and the special venire of jurors was dismissed until that time.

After this resolution was disposed of, Circuit Attorney Folk went down to Judge Ryan's courtroom, where the matter of the increase of bond for the men under indictment was to be heard.

Charles Kratz and Henry Nicolaus were the only two of the four whose bonds were affected by the new ruling to appear. Kratz was accompanied by his bondsman, Gottlieb Eyerman, Jr. He returned Wednesday evening from Florida, whither he had accompanied his wife for her health. Faulkner was represented by Attorney John A. Gleser, and Charles P. Johnson was present to represent Henry Nicolaus. When the matter was taken up, Mr. Folk said: "In the case of Charles Kratz I suggest that the bond be increased from \$5,000 to \$20,000."

Kratz's Bond Increased. Attorney Thomas T. Pauntler, for Kratz, objected, saying the increase was excessive, and that its effect would be to reflect odium upon his client. Kratz, he said, never had any intention of evading trial. He could furnish a bond of \$100,000, if necessary, but the fact that his bond was increased would reflect prejudice him in the eyes of the community, inasmuch as it placed him under the imputation of having an intention of forfeiting the original bond and evading trial.

"Would a \$20,000 bond be more binding upon the defendant than a \$5,000 bond?" inquired Judge Ryan of Mr. Folk. "It would be just four times as much," was the reply. "If, as the counsel for Mr. Kratz argues, a \$20,000 bond is no better than a \$5,000 bond to prevent the defendant's jumping, then, following the argument further, a \$5,000 bond is no better than no bond at all, and we might as well let all defendants come into court at their own sweet will."

Judge Ryan observed that the point was well taken, and announced that he would order the Kratz bond increased to \$20,000. "Understand, Mr. Kratz," he observed, "that this is done through any reason the court has to believe you would evade trial. It is simply to protect the State."

Said It Was an Insult. "I know that, your Honor," said Kratz, who was quivering with suppressed rage, "but it is an outrage, just the same. I have lived here all my life, and have no intention of running away, and this is an insult."

Mr. Folk asked Judge Ryan to take cognizance of the words of Kratz, and the court replied that as he understood Kratz there was no necessity for a judicial reprimand.

Mr. Eyerman immediately signed the new bond for Kratz. The bonds of the other three men were then increased. Attorney Johnson said his client had no objection to offer to any bond that might be required, and assured the court that his client would appear within a reasonable time and give a new bond.

Faulkner gave a new bond in the sum of \$5,000, with William H. Swift as surety. Judge Ryan said the case was set to come into court today and give new bonds.

Commend Folk's Action. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Real Estate Exchange, Thursday:

"Resolved, By the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Real Estate Exchange, that we heartily commend the action taken by our Circuit Attorney, Joseph W. Folk, in bringing to justice all persons connected with bootlegging and other violations of the law, and we pledge the undivided support of our organization to the prosecution of all said offenders.

"Resolved, That this exchange is prepared to collect a fund from among its own membership and the real estate interests at large for the purpose of assisting in a vigorous prosecution of these plunderers of honest taxpayers and the municipal treasury."

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WILL BUTLER SERVE OUT PRESENT SESSION?

At Rate of Progress in Case He May Retain Seat Till Near Adjournment.

NO TIME FIXED FOR ACTION.

Few Months' Delay Would Preclude Special Election, as Successor Could Be Chosen in Regular Fall Campaign.

Butler's Record Shows. In discussing the matter today with Mr. Bartholomew, a member of the Elections Committee, it was learned that the record shows that in two wards in St. Louis—the Sixth and Fourteenth—the Election Commissioners appointed a portion of the Republican clerks and judges had appointed the clerks and judges recommended by the precinct and ward committees of the Republican organization, and that a canvass of the votes showed that 90 per cent of those precincts had voted Butler.

Chairman Taylor, who has been working until late in the night on this case, will be asked whether or not he will take up the final work of writing the majority report. The Democrats have not yet begun their "cloud" campaign, but the Democrats will begin the final study of the testimony and preparation of their views.

Governor Dockery in Doubt. REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., March 29.—Governor Dockery, when asked whether or not he would call a special election in the event the seat of Congressman Butler was vacated, said: "I don't know what I will do."

YOUNG SOLDIER RECEIVES FORTUNE FOR HIS VALOR.

Millionaire Grandfather in Germany Delighted With His Service in American Army.

Cincinnati, March 29.—"I bequest to my grandson, Max, the sum of \$12,000 because he was brave and loyal to his country in the time of trouble."

That was the will of Max Summich, a millionaire sugar king of Germany. Otto Summich, the beneficiary, is mentioned in the will as his distinguished grandfather, residing with his parents in a modest little home on the Clinton avenue.

Upon the declaration of war with Spain young Summich was one of the first to respond to the call of the Stars and Stripes. He participated in numerous skirmishes, and when his wealthy grandfather heard of the meritorious deeds of his grandson he was full of joy.

The news appearing the young man of his fortune came in a letter from Germany, just received here.

MRS. PROBST IS MISSING.

Police Asked to Locate Woman 54 Years Old.

Mrs. Christine Probst, a widow, 54 years old, who suffers from rheumatism, is missing. She was last seen on March 28, at 11:30 a.m., when she was seen by her daughter, Mrs. Annie Mueller, her daughter, yesterday asked the police to look for her.

Richard Probst, 12 years old, who lives with his parents at No. 3212 Washington avenue, said he saw his grandmother yesterday, taking a bundle of clothes.

FREE DELIVERY AT ST. CHARLES

Long-Sought Service Will Be Established There on July 1.

Washington, March 29.—The free delivery of mail service will be established at St. Charles, Mo., on July 1.

RICH MERCHANT'S DAUGHTER DETAINED AT FOUR COURTS.



MISS IVY BRYANT. Daughter of a wealthy merchant, who is detained at the Four Courts.

Miss Ivy Bryant, 17-year-old daughter of William Bryant, a wealthy merchant of Donham, Mo., is a prisoner in the detention ward at the Four Courts, pending advice from her father. She expresses a perfect willingness to return home, but was much surprised at her detention. Miss Bryant is not uncommonly.

Three weeks ago Miss Bryant revealed upon her parents to allow her to come for a visit to St. Louis, where she could enjoy the fascinations of city life. Before she left home she fully intended to take a position in a millinery store and make her own way, but she was unable to procure regular employment, and has relied principally upon the money she brought with her.

Lloyd Bryant, an uncle living in Houston, Tex., who has taken an especial interest in Miss Bryant, became quite uneasy about her when he learned she was here all alone, and wrote to her parents. He then learned that she was not writing home regularly. Without further delay he wrote to Chief Kelly, requesting her detention.

Special Officers McQuilling and Delaney located her at the boarding-house of Mrs. John E. Roberts at No. 270 Lucas avenue, Wednesday evening.

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